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11. [REDACTED] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and referred to the news accounts of the sentencing of the British officer for spying and the expulsion of four East European diplomats from Italy on spying charges. Murphy said he would like any information we could give him on these cases having to do with atomic energy information or the security of NATO.

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THE EVENING STAR

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BRITISH OFFICER SENTENCED FOR SPYING FOR RUSSIANS

WINCHESTER, England (AP) — A British naval officer who wanted money to pay personal debts was sentenced today to 21 years in prison for spying for the Russians.

Sub Lt. David James Bingham, 31, a naval torpedo expert, pleaded guilty to 12 counts of passing information over a period of years to a Soviet naval assistant attache in London.

The court was told that the torpedo expert sold the secrets — which the prosecution said were “almost beyond price”—for house expenses, installment payments and a new car.

The attorney general, Sir Peter Rawlinson, told the court that Bingham estimated he received about \$5,980 for the information.

Rawlinson said it all started in the summer of 1970 when Bingham and his wife started discussing how they could pay off his debts.